

EDINBURGH,

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A The request of the Company present this evening, the confideration of the important question, Orghi Government to restore the Private Property token at St Eustain? will be returned this day steamight, (being Thursday the 31st current) at eight o'clock precisely. The doors will be opened at half after seven.

Tickets to be had at Mr Swan's shop, head of Carrubber's Close, and of the Members, as usea!

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S. HUTTON,

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At her Shop, Front of the Exchange,

I sjust now returned from London, and has brought down a very
large and beautiful affortment of 11ABERDASHERY and MILLINERY GOODS, in the newest taste and best quality;—variety of
elegant Printed Mussins, Cottons, and Linens;—a fresh stock of Modes,
Persans of all colours; black and white Laces; Edgings of all kinds;—
sine choice of plain Mussins; sprigg'd and tamboured ditto;—great
quantity of Wire-mussins, with pink spots, calculated for trimming the
white dresses;—a very genteel assortion of Ribbons, Shauls, and
Stamped Leather for Ladies Shoes;—great choice of the New Sastle
Gauze, Trimmings, Handkerchiefs, and Aprons.—The Ladies by calling, will see the new Pattern Dresses, and can get them done on the
sporces setice.

ROBERT BOW AND COMPANY.

HABERDASHERS AND LINEN DRAPERS,
A T their Wareroom, west side of Bridge-street, near the General
Post Office, Edinburgh, beg leave to acquire the Public, That they
have laid in an elegant Assortment of HABERDASHERY. LINEN
DRAPERY, and MILLINERY GOODS, of the best qualities, and
newest patterns, which will be fold on very low terms.

JOHN POHL, Taylor and Habit-Maker,

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(Late from Lono's Warehoufe, London)

At No. 4. Shakefpeare-Square, New Fown, Edinburgh,

MOST refpectfully returns his fincere thanks to those Ladies and
Gentlemen who have already honoured him with their commands; and hegs leave to inform his Friends, That he, together with

WILLIAM CRICHTON Staymaker, from London, has opened a

Warehouse jupon the above plan, at Reid's buildings, near Shakepeare's Square; where Ladies may be supplied with RIDING HA
BITS, made in the newest state; English, French, and Italian STAYS,
made in the newest and most fashionable manner. Likewise, Hussian
and all other Forcies no Dresses for young Gentlemen, made in the most mude in the newest and most fashionable manner. Likewise, Hussar, and all other Foreign Dresses for young Gentlemen, made in the most fasciful manner.—Commissions from the country carefully attended to.

THOMAS POTTS, Grocer,

RETURNS his best thanks to the Public in general, and his Friends in particular, for their past favours, and begs leave to acquaint them, that he is now moved from the Candlemaker Row, to the first Shop leading into Brown's Square, wherein he hopes for the coatinuance of their favours, which he shall always make it his utmost study to merit, by being constantly supplied with goods of the best quality, and upon as reasonable terms as the markets will admit of.

N. B. He has just now got to hand a parcel of very fine CUMBER-LAND HAMS.

From the London Papers, May 21.

Hague, May 13. The Memorial of his Excellency Baron
St Saphoriu, Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

from Denmark, is to the following purport:

"High and Mights Lords,
"The states of the King of Denmark and Norway, my master, are so situated, that the trade of his subjects, to and from the provinces thereto belonging, would be much diffurbed, were not his Majesty to take such steps as may secure the Baltic, and his coasts, from allikind of hostilities and violences, and to protect the former from the incursion of all privateers and armed thips.

" In order, therefore, to preserve a free and peaceable communication between his aforefaid provinces, it has pleafed the King my mafter to declare, that the Baltic being, from its peculiar fituation, an inclosed fea, in which the ships of every nation ought, and may fail in peace, and enjoy the advantages of a perfect tranquillity, his Majesty cannot permit any armed ships, belonging to the belligerent powers, to enter it, with a view of acting in an hostile manner against any nation whatso-

"The two other northern Courts have adopted fimilar meafures, which are founded in nature and equity; the potenwhose dominions border on the Baltic, enjoying a profound peace, which they confider as the greatest blelling that

fovereigns can impart to their fubjects.

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" The King my mafter orders me to notify, without lofs of time, this his Royal declaration to your High Mightineffes. His Majesty makes no doubt but you will receive with pleasure a resolution distated by the most perfect neutrality, and that in conformity thereto, you will give the proper instructions to all commanders of ships of war and privateers in the service of

your High Mightineffes." Hague, May 15. We hear that the convention concluded between France and the Republic, concerning the reprifal of the veffels of their respective subjects, arrived here last Friday, figned by his Christian Majesty. By this convention it is said to be determined, that in case any vessels shall be retaken by any of the privateers of the two nations, within 24 hours after they have been in the hands of the enemy, that the half of the value of the reprifal shall belong to the captor, and if they are retaken after having been longer than 24 hours in the hands of the enemy, then the whole shall belong to the captor; and if any vessels shall be retaken within the 24 hours by any men of war, they shall only be entitled to one thirtieth part, and if after that time, to only one tenth of the value of the reprifal.

Amsterdam, May 12. On the 9th-inft. the following men of war failed from the Texel, viz. the Batavia of 56 guns, the Argo of 44, the Amphitrite of 36, the Venus of 24, the Eenfgezindhind of 24, and the cutter Ajax of 24, with two advice boats. We learn from Rotterdam, that the fame day three men of war and four coltas failed from the Meufe.

Amfterdam, May 15. It has been often remarked, that circumstances were never to favourable for forming political connections between the provinces of the United Low Countries and the United States of America, as at present. This happy circumstance has not escaped the penetrating eyes of the American Ministers, who have presented a memorial to the States General of the United Provinces, fetting forth the im-

portance and necessity of such an alliance, and roise than to a speedy acknowledgment of the independence of the American States, and to form equitable treaties with them, as the surest means of convincing Great Britain of the impossibility of her ever attaining the object of her pursuit.

LONDON.

Bafan, on the borders of the Mahratta country, which furrendered to General Goddard at discretion in December last, is the principal fort in that country, and indeed one of the strongest in the whole world. The erection of the works cost the Mahrattas at first the sum of seventy lacks of rupees; the Portuguese having once taken this fort by surprise, expended the sum of 600,000 l. more in completing it; and the Mahrattas lost 70,000 men in retaking it. Considering the great tas lost 70,000 men in retaking it. Considering the great strength of the place, our loss is said to have been very small; for the garrison was well manned, and a great force of artillery, and every species of stores for military service, were found

Basan is a place of the utmost importance to the Mahrattas; and there is no doubt that they would take any part with us against Fryder Aily for the reposition of at, we would ever

find it expedient to make such terms with them.

We learn that Hyder Ally has in his service three troops of European cavalry, confifting of a Captain, two Lieutenants, one Corner, and 65 men each. The officers are all French, the men Dutch, Danes, Portuguese, and French, and were the troops that charged Colonel Baillie's artillery, and cut them

to pieces.

A fine new ship, called the Quebec, to mount 44 guns, is to be launched next Thursday, at Bursledon, near Hamble. There are now three on the slocks at Chapel, one of 40, one of 36, and one of 20 guns, all for his Majesty's fervice.

The schooner Squirrel, Capt Flinn, of Whitehaven, on her passage from Corke to the West-Indies, fell in with three large

American letters of marque, who captured him. Capt Flinn, who heard they were bound for St Eultatius, charged his men not to mention any thing concerning the Dutch war, which they had been informed of just before they left Cork. He thought there was a probability of Admiral Rodney feizing upon that Island, and on their arrival there was agreeably configured in his conjecture. The these American thirt were of firmed in his conjecture. The three American fhips were of course made prizes, and Captain Flinn appointed to the com-

mand of the largest of them.

Yesterday a Court of Proprietors of East-India stock was held at their house in Leadenhall-street, by adjournment from last Tuesday, in order to consider further of propositions to be made to Government for the prolonging of their charter. The first topic debated in the Court was Lord North's claim on the Company for the sum of 600,000 l. to be paid by installment, as should be agreed upon. I'wo heads of argument arose from this claim, first, whether the Minister had a legal right to support it?—and, fecondly, whether it would not be inexpedient at all events to prevail on him, not to infift upon it under the prefent flate of the Company's affairs? to which end a motion was made, "That it be recommended." Directors to express the sense of the general body of Proprietors to Lord North, that though it is their most ardent wish to come to an amicable agreement with the public on any reasonable terms, which they can make good without detriment to the effential interests and just rights of the Company; yet they hope that the Minister will urge it upon the House of Commons not to press upon the Company the payment of this sum, till they shall have further accounts of the state of their affairs in India, considering the unfavourable accounts which have lately been received, and the heavy bills which will foon become due; and till they shall be in circumstances to make good the payment of this sum, without danger of oppressing the Company, and injuring their credit." There was a long debate upon this motion, on which another ensued, "That it be requested of the Directors to give their opinion to the Court, as to the legality of this claim from the Minister; and as to the ability of the Company to answer it, it case it should be legal; and for this purpose, that the Directors present be requested to withdraw, and on their return to state their sense of these questions." It was argued by one Proprietor in the course of the debate, that it would be expedient to omit all confideration of the propositions for a permanent agreement at present, and to request of the Minister to continue the Company on their present footing by a short bill, till they should be able to come, with a better information of their assairs, to what ought to be the terms of a permanent settlement; but this idea not being well received by many of the Proprietors, and leading them to a long altercation, the object of their meeting was left undetermined, and they once more adjourned the Court, for the conclusion of this

buliness, to Monday next.

The Rev. Henry Bate has succeeded to the valuable rectory of Bradwell justa mare in Effex, which he holds with the rectory of Notth Tambridge in the fame county; both livings united are worth 1000 l. per annum; the former is in his own pa-

tronage, the latter is in the gift of the crown.

We are forry to inform our readers, that Mrs Hartley has met with an accident in France, where she had gone for the benefit of her health, which has entirely destroyed every good effect that she had previously derived from the falubrity of air. She was riding out on the Pont Neuf, in a coach, which was unluckily overturned in the most precipitate manner, and shaked the infirm frame of this delicate invalid almost to dissolution. She fainted as the was taken out of the vehicle, and has been exceedingly indisposed ever fince. The gentleman who gave this account affured us, that he was prefent at the accident, and that he himself assisted in helping Mrs Hartley out of the window of her carriage, and in conveying her afterwards to her house.

Extract of a letter from Williamsburgh, March 15.
"We hear to-day the enemy were drawing in their out-

posts, and I fear they are going to leave us before the arrival of our allies; but if the French arrive in time, I hope to give you a good account of Benedick Arnold, as the militia are

collecting fait, and every thing feems to be in readiness to oppose them."

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1781.

HOUSE or PEERS, Monday, May 1.

This day, as foon as prayers were over, their Lordings proceeded to hear counfel further on the feveral claims to the office of Lord Great Chamberlain, when the Solicion-Georatal and Mr Machanda Goverally argued in favour of Lady Erefly, and Mr Burrel, Mr Dunning, and Mr Decoupert, for the Duke of Aneafter; after which the Solicitar-Georatal made his reply, and finally closed the whole of the arguments on this important cause.

Lord Mansfeld them addressed their Lordships in a very consist specific officech, chiefly confined to a recapitulation of the heads of the arguments that had been addressed their Lordships, that the following question should be referred to the twelve Judges for their opinion thereon:

"Whether, as the late Duke of Ancaster died sized of the office of I.Ord, Great Chamberlain, and left behind him no issue, but two fifters, the coheiresses of his estate, the eldest sister, or both sisters, are to fucceed thereto? and, in either case, Whether Mr Burrell, and it is the chamberlain? or, Whether both the listers have jointly a right to appoint to the same? and, in that case, How they are to constitute a Deputy to exceed the duties thereof? or, Whether it is in the King for depute a paison to persons the fair dose."

The Lord Charcestor then put the question, and the fame was unanimously referred to the Judges, who are to give their opinion thereon meat Friday.

The House then adjourned to the next day.

HOUSE of COMMONS, Monday, May 21.

This day, as soon as the more ordinary business had been dispatched, sir Philip Jennings Clerke rose for the purpose of making his promised motion: The honourable Baronet faid it was, "that instructions in should be given to the Committee of Ways and Means, for laying a certain tax on all persons holding places under Government.

Though he thought the nation deserving the general attention of the House, he had nevertheless forebox asking any one member to come down in support of it, nor did he for much as know whether it would b

For it,

Against it,

The order of the day being then called for, Sir Charles Cocks rose and stated, in a speech of some length, the Extraordinaries of the Ordnance, which were opposed by Mr Burke, Mr Byng, Mr Townshend, and others, who particularly noticed the very large quantity of the form of the Cocks moved. That the sum of 252,104 l. be allowed to defray the expenses of the Extraordinaries of the Ordnance service of the present years and the same was agreed to without a division.

Lord North then moved, "That the sum of 36,000 l. should be farther advanced towards the building of Somerset House."

Mr Townsheud thought the motion might as well be put by to the next year, as there was no immediate occasion for advancing the money; but Mr Barke differed from the honourable gentleman, and thought that no time ought to be lost in finishing the above building, so much wanted for the use of the Public.

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Sir Herbert Mackworth then moved, as a resolution of the Commit-

tee,
"That it is the opinion of this Committee, that 1200 l. be voted
in discharge of Doctor Smith's claim."
This gave rife to a conversation, in which Sir Herbert, Mr Baker,
Sir George Yonge, Sir Philip Jennings Clerke, Mr Byng, Mr Pultney, Sir Joseph Mawbey, Mr Dempster, and Mr Courtney, took

part.

Sir Herbert contended warmly in favour of Dr Smith, and faid he was as worthy a character as any man in that House.

Mr Pultency joined him in support of the Dottor's claim, which the other gentlemen opposed, on the same ground that had been taken against it in last Wedneslay's debate.

Sir Joseph Mawbey, in the course of his speech, called the business a job, and said, he opposed it on the same principle on which he had opposed the claim of the Duke of Athol last Friday; he considered that as a Scotch job, since almost every North Briton in the House had risen to support it.

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Mr Dempster rose as soon as Sir Joseph concluded his speech, and said, he felt himself extremely hurt at the honourable Baronet's having termed the Duke of Athol's claim a Scotch job. Mr Dempster thought such an appellation was more unbecoming, invidious, and illiberal, than any expression that had ever fallen from the honourable gentleman before. He asked, if Scotland and England were not united kingdoms? and appealed to the House, whether it was either prudent or candid to revive national distinctions, and cast ill-natured and dent or candid to revive national distinctions, and cast ill natured and harsh imputations on the natives of either kingdom. He wished never to hear any such; he would not himself throw out any against Englishmen, but he would appeal to them and to their candour, to know if they did not think there were as worthy characters born in Scotland as in the fouthern part of the kingdom. If the Honourable Baronet doubted what he said, let him look to the army and to the navy, and see if there were not Scotlmen in both, as brave, as loyal, and as anxious for the honour of his Majesty's arms, as the officers, foldiers, er failors of any other country. He could not therefore repress the pain he felt on hearing a ressection, tending to revive those ancient jealousies and animosities, which, he thanked God, in spite of all the efforts of malevolence, harred, and envy, substitute no more. A Scotlof malevolence, harred, and envy, subsisted now no more. A S man ought to be considered as an Englishman's brother; each was man ought to be confidered as an Englishman's brother; each was the subject of the same sovereign, and living under similar laws. What part of England was there, that a Scorsman was not at an Englishman's clow? What dangers did the latter brave, that the sormer did not accompany him and share in? Why then separate two characters that had a national connection, and which ought to continue connected, and to live in the exercise of mutual regard, and mutual friendship? Mr Dempster said, he was the more hurt at the expression's coming from the honourable Baronet, because it was to opposite to every thing

Nothing, perhaps, ever shewed Opposition in a more riliculous light than this division, in which Mr Barke and Mr Thomas Townshead both voted against the question.

that had marked his former conduct, which had always been manly, that had marked his former conduct, which had always been manly, and just; and furely such a stille of remark, on a claim from to respectable a character as the Duke of Athol, urged fairly, and countenanced so far, as to be decided in favour of it by a most respectable majority of a British House of Commons, was not only unmannerly and illiberal, with regard to the nuble claimant, but rude and indecent with respect to those, who acting in their senatorial capacity, had declared that the claim to the trifle in question was founded in truth, and that it ought to be admitted on principles of common suffice.

Sir Toleph Mawkey rose and said, possibly, in the heat of debate, he might have used too strong an expression; he did after the honourable gentleman, he had not the least intention to speak either invidicully or illiberally, much less did he mean to give the honourable gentleman the least offence. He meant merely to speak of the Athol claim as a provincial business, in like manner as he considered Dr swith's claim, to be a job of the counties of Middlefex and Surry, and therefore a private concern, not a public one, which ought to be provided for by the public purse.

Mr Coursey took the matter up ironically, and said he wondered how his honourable friend (Mr Dempster) came to treat the affair seriously. He should rather have thanked the honourable gentleman for having used the expression, because, as it had fallen from his Toketh Mawhey rose and faid, possibly, in the heat of debate, he

rioutly. He should rather have thanked the honourable gentleman for having used the expression, because, as it had fallen from his mouth, he took it for granted, they would not fiear any thing said against North Britons within those walls for the future; and he was induced to form this opinion from a recollection of the ostracism of Athens, which for a long time was held to be a most honourable thing, but happening once to fall upon the most contemptible citizen of that republic, it fell into disgrace, and no person of the least character would ever suffer it afterwards.

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The House having resumed itself, a motion was made upon a petition from the cotton manuf centrers, to allow it the fame bounty upon exportation as given to linen, which, after force little debate, paffed in the affirmative, without a division.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, May 22.

Extral of a letter from Sir James Wright, Bart. Governor of the province of Georgia, to the Right Honourable Lord George Germaine, one of his Majefty's principal Secretaries of State, dated at Savannah the 9th of March, 1781.

N' the 6th instant, my Lord, I affented to five bills, and have the satisfaction to acquaint pour Lord.

bave the fatisfaction to acquaint your Lordthip, that one of them is intitled, " An act for granting to his Majesty 44 certain duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandize, of 45 the growth or production of this province, which may be " exported from hence, as the contribution of Georgia to the general charge of the British Empire." These duties, my Lord, his Majesty's loyal subjects in this province have freely and cheerfully given and granted, and humbly beg that his Majerty will be graciously pleased to condescend to accept of the same as a small token of their gratitude to his Majesty, and affection to the Mother Country. A duty of five per cent. was proposed, but the greatly diffressed, reduced, and exhausted state of the province, it was thought, would not admit of laying on so large a duty at present; and therefore it is only two and a half per cent. Another is intitled, "An act for fecuring his Majefty's government and the peace of this province, and for the more effectual protection of the King's loyal fubjects here, against the wicked attempts and defigns of the rebels and other difaffected persons, and for other vince, and for the more effectual protection of the King's " purposes herein after mentioned."

Admiralty-Office, May 22, 1781. THE following are extracts of letters, received by Mr Stephens from Vice-Admiral Darby, Commander in Chief of a fquadron of his Majesty's ships employed to the westward; and of a letter from the Right Honourable Lord Shuldham, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's ships at Ply-

Britannia, off Scilly, May 16. 1781. I HAVE only just time to acquaint their Lordships, that the Nonsuck, which parted from us the evening of the 13th, has joined us since dark, having fallen in that night with a French man of war of 80 guns, supposed to be the Languedoe; she had 27 men killed, and 50 or 60 wounded, and is much shattered.

Britania, to the Westward of the Start, May 19. 1782. MENTIONED, in my letter of the 16th iustant, the Nonfuch's having fallen in alone with a French ship of war, of at least 80 guns. I now enclose a copy of Sir James Wallace's narrative to me of that great and spirited action.

Transactions on board the Nonfuch, in an Engagement between the 14th and 15th of May 1781, received in Vice-

Admiral Darby's Letter of the 19th.

N the 14th, being the look-out thip from the Van Squadron, at eight A. M. faw three fail in the N. E. Made the fignal, chaced; foon after we faw a fail in the E. S. E. which we took to be a French line of battle thip; chaced, gained upon her. At about half past ten at night came alongside of her; she gave us her broadside, we returned it; she dropped aftern, we wore and raked her; we continued the action for near an hour, during some part of which we were on board one another; she carried away our sprit-fail-yard, and our anchors hooking her quarter carried away the flukes of them. All this time she had so much the worst of the action, that she took the opportunity of our heads being different ways so make all the fail fhe could to ger away; we wore, and chaced her again; our mizen-mast being entirely disabled prevented our getting up with her before five A. M. It being day-light, we could dissinguish one another plainly; she appeared to be a French eighty-gun ship, in good order for battle.

Some people on board us, who pretend to know, fay she is the Languedoc. At five we began the action again, and contiqued till half past fix, when finding our ship much disabled, the fore-yard coming down, all the masts, yards, fails, and rigging much hurt, guns difmounted;—the wreck of these, and dead and wounded men filling the deck, I thought it proper to haul our wind, in order to clear it. The enemy kept on her course for Brest.

Our loss in men is twenty-fix killed, and fixty-four wounded \*.

(Signed) JA. WALLACE. \* Among the former are no officers; but among the latter

Mr Spry - - 1ft Lieutenants.

Market - 4th

Williams - Acting Lieutenant. Master. Stone -

Hotham - Boatswain Cambridge in Hamoze, May 19. 1781. 11 A. M.

SIR. HAVE the pleasure to acquaint you, for their Lordships information, that Vice-Admiral Darby, with his Majesty's

squadron under his command, is now off the Eddystone, proceeding to the eastward with a moderate breeze at N. W. that five fail of the line are now standing in the Sound.

I am, &cc.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD's, May 22.

The Mary, Throckmorton, bound to Hallifax, was fooke with the 28th of March, by the Adm. Edwards privateer, lat. 45—20 N. long. 31—2. allwell, and a fair wind.

Portfmouth, 20. Arrived this afternoon, his Majefty's fhips Nonfach, Bellona, Monfact, and Kite, from Gibraltar; parted with the remainder of the fleet the back of the life of Wight, except ten fail of the line, and rea frients, which are left cruiting nader Advised.

of the line, and two frigates, which are left cruizing under Admiral Digby. Several merchantmen are coming up, supposed part of the transports, te, siem Gibralian. The auror i spate has sent into St Ives a cutter of 48 nine-pound-

ers, and two eighteen ditto.
The Ocean, Mitchel, and Advice, Cook, from Hamburgh, arrived in the river, left the Wefer the 11th inflant, with his Majesty's ships Amphion, Olfrich, and Fortune, Britannia and Molly armed thips, and 24 transports with Hessian and Brunswick troops, and parted with them the 14th instant, 60 leagues W by S. of Tinmouth Callie. The steet are gone Nabout. The two ships afterwards joined the Camel man of war, and a cutter.

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Captain Lloyd, of the Fly, from St Lucia, arrived at Liverpool, on the 12th inftant, spoke the Ellen, Borowdale, from Liverpool, for Jamaica, off Rathline in the North Channel.

The Sealock Packet, Duncan, from London, to Carron, put into Holy Island, to refit, the 17th instant, after beating off a French priva eer of 18 fix-pounders, and one twelve ditto, off the Scairs; had two

The Gibraltar Packet, Rofs, from London, to Gibraltar, is taken by two Spanish frigates, and carried into Cadiz. The Spooner, Barber, from Clyde, to St Kitts, was taken in her way to Cork by a French privateer, and ransomed for 1800 guineas. The Emanuel, a Swede, carried into Vigo, is released, and arrived at

Oporto.

The Nelly, Gray, from Oporto to Scotland, is taken by the Eagle privateer, in lat. 33. long. 15.

Portfmonth, 21. Arrived Admiral Darby, with the Britannia, Royal George, Queen, Duke, Union, Fortitude, Bienfaifant, and Emerald, and about nine more of the line. Admiral Edwards has holited his flag on board the Portland

The following are a lift of thips at Spithead under failing orders.

under failing orders, viz. 40 Fortune } for W. Indies. 32 Ranger for W. Indie
32 Declaius for Quebec.
36 Venus, for Cork. for Newfoundland 28 Maidstone 28 Surprise 16 Fairy 50 Hannibal, for St Helena, From the London Papers, May 8.

LONDON. This day, Admiral Darby arrived at the Admiralty. Ten fail of the line, under Admiral Digby, are left to cruize in the Channel.

The Paris Gazette of Tuesday last, which gives an account of the capture of 22 of the St Eustatia fleet, makes no mention

of their arrival at Breft.

Notwithstanding the account brought by last Saturday's Dutch mail, of the prizes, lately taken by the French, having got fafe into Breft, the information feems premature. So for tunate a circumstance would no doubt have been mentioned in the Gazette de France. That not being the case, we have reason to suppose, that neither the prizes, nor Mons de la Motte Piquet, are so safe as to be entirely out of the reach of Admiral Darby; the less so as we read, in the Brussels Gazette, that when the frigate Nereide arrived at Brest with the news, Mons. de la Motte Piquet was then distant above 60 leagues from that port.
Yesterday expresses were dispatched to all the seaport towns

in England and other parts, for the troops and militia to be encamped along the coalts, that they may be ready to oppose the landing of an enemy; and also for the farmers, &c. to drive their cattle into the interior parts of the country, to prevent

their being carried off. Four thips of the line are nearly ready for fea, but cannot go out for want of feamen; these are the Agamemnon of 64 guns, at Portfmouth, new; Arrogant of 74, at Chatham, re-paired; Sampson and Africa of 64, in the river, both new. The great and necessary work, it is said, will soon be set a-bout, of establishing a dock-yard at Milsord-haven, where sorty

line-of-battle thips might be building at a time.

We are affured a separate commission is fent out to Earl Cornwallis, empowering him to act independent of Sir Henry Clinton. - Pub. Adv.

The Spanish sleet got information of the arrival of Admiral-Darby just in time to make their escape, and secure themselves in the Bay of Cadiz, by a mere accident. One Capt. R-s, who commanded one of the transports, having infured his ship to go with the convoy, waited the sailing of the men of war, and having, by this maneuvre, fecured the in'urance at a small premium, in the ensuing night he slipt from the sleet, and, under pretence of having tost it in a fog, pushed for port, knowing, that if he had the luck to escape the vigilance of the enemy, and arrive there sirft, he should get at least 80.1 or 1001, per cent. profit upon his cargo; and if miscarried, having se cured his credentials, he should recover against the insurers. He was taken, and he gave the enemy the first intelligence of the unexpected arrival of the English sleet. The departure of M. de Grasse on a secret expedition, while

we fimply thought the armament under his command was intended to join the Spanish fleet at Cadiz, and the subsequent unexpected blow struck by La Motte Piquet, are both circumstances which shew that the French play a much deeper and better game than we do. They seem to know our plans, while we know nothing of theirs; and as long as that is the cafe, they will always have the better of us, and continue to foil us, as they have lately done in every attempt. We may fwagger and boalt of the bravery of our fleets and armies as much as we pleafe, but that will do little for us, unless there is wildom in our councils.

A very remarkable accident happened on board the Lord Townsend transport, which was one of those that went to the relief of Gibraltar. Whilst she was lying in the Mole there, for the purpose of unloading her cargo, having on board amongst other things, 250 barrels of gunpowder, a bomb, thrown from one of the enemy's thips, fell upon her deck, and making its way through, lighted upon a firkin of butter, which extinguished the fuze, and fortunately faved the ship and crew from

instantaneous destruction. It was through the interest of Lord Mansfield, and not, as it has been erroneously stated, thro' the Duke of Chandos, that Sir George Brydges Rodney was employed as Commander on the West-India station. A letter was written to that Nobleman by a relation of the worthy Admiral's, appealing to his affections by the memory of the Duke of Newcastle, his old patron, and requesting his interference in favour of a man suffering under misfortunes which he could not overcome, and who was rela-

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ted to the deceafed Duke. In confequence of this, Lord Mansfield went into the King's closet, and recommended Sir George to the command. He has fince received the thanks of his Majesty for having pointed him out. To fo low a pitch of distress was Sir George fallen, that the very day previous to Lord Mansfield's application in his favour, he sent a letter to

that noble Lord, requesting the loan of five guineas.

Sir James Wallace's behaviour, in his late action with the French 80 gun ship, was, as usual, remarkably gallant. The the Frenchman carried thirty eight pounders, yet Sir James filenced him, and would have taken him, but that the Frenchman took to his heels, and Sir James, from the shattered state

of his masts, fails, &c. was not able to pursue.

The lofe of the St Enftatia fleet lately off Scilly, is food to be the subject of discussion in the House of Peers, is certain Nobleman, well known for overhauling the conduct of the first Lord of the Admiralty on all occasions, having pleased him-felf to the opposition, that he will move for an investigation into that affair, it being well known, as is faid, to a certain Lord high in office, feveral weeks before the above capture, that De la Mothe Piquet was to fail from Brest to cruise off the coalt of Ireland, until the probable time of Darby's return from Gibraltar. Indeed our having feveral ships of the line lying idle at Spithead and Plymouth, whilst the whole Channel was

left unguarded, merits a ferious enquiry.

It is given out, by the partifans of Lord Sreason why those ships, lying at Spithead and Plymouth, did not fail to cruize off Scilly, was owing to certain intelligence having been received, that Piquet was either to join the Dutch fleet in the Texel, or that the latter was to join the former off Brest; and that our squadron at Spithead were intended to difpute their passage through the Channel, for which purpose several small vessels were cruizing at the mouth of the Texet. and off Brest, by order of the Admiralty, to bring home the news of their failing, and on the arrival of which the squadron at Spithead were to go out in quest of them. But even this, fays a correspondent, was no reason for the ships remaining at anchor; they should have been cruizing in the Narrows, off Dover, as the most proper station for preventing a junction.

Her Majesty's pregnancy, which begins now to be visible, will be publicly declared at Court immediately after the King's birth-day.

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Extract of a letter from London, May 22.

"The report of the resolutions of the preceding day, on the Duke of Athol's claim to certain duties on herrings at the Isle of Man, being brought up and read, Mr Dempster moved, that the following additional clause should be interted, "That all sishing-boats belonging additional clause should be interted, "That all sishing-boats belonging additional clause should be previous to their going out, be registerto the Ille of Man. should, previous to their going out, he registered with the proper officer appointed for that purpose, and pay a certain duty to the Duke of Athol."

"Lord Nugent role in opposition to this clause, and expressed his disapprobation of unfering the sovereignty of such an island to be in private hands, though, after all, he should not object to any thing in the noble Duke's favour, that did not militate against the deligns of Government, when they bought up the said sland for the use of the Crown, which was to put an end to the shameful practices of snuggling that had been carried on with the inhabitants thereof. The

gling that had been carried on with the inhabitants thereof. The noble Lord went into a great deal of extraneous matter, and, amongst other things, adverted to the great power of the Duke, as a subject, his Grace having now the appointment of the High Admiral, and Vice-Admiral of the island in question.

"Mr Dempiter replied to the noble Lord, and trusted that his opposition to the clause arose entirely from his not having attended to the matter when before a Committee of the House, as he then would have been fully satisfied that nothing unreasonable had been asked for the Duke of Athol. The Hon. Gentleman touched inothers who were the Duke of Athol. The Hon. Gentleman touched lightly on the va-luable hereditary right that the noble family had been induced to part from. No private subject, nor the greatest Peer of the realm, he faid, ever wore a brighter jewel, and certainly the little that had been reflored to them, was never intended to have been taken from them, when the Crown made a purchase of the island. As to the power the Duke had to appoint an Admiral and Vice-Admiral, the noble Lord need not be alarmed at that, as the Admirals the noble Duke had to appoint, were no more than the Admirals of the herring

" The claim was then put and agreed to; after which the bill was

proceeded through without any farther debate.
" Mr Gilbert then moved the House, for leave to bring in a bill for

the relief and better regulation of the poor, which was granted accord ingly.

Sir Grey Cooper then moved, That the proceedings of the Court of Proprietors of the East India Company on Monday last, respecting the propositions to be balloted for next Friday, be laid before the House.

of Proprietors of the East India Company on Monday Iait, respecting the propositions to be balloted for next Friday, be laid before the House.

"General Smith made some little opposition to the motion, as the Proprietors had not yet come to any determination respecting these propositions, so that the proceedings of last Monday would be perfectly unuseful, if they should be neglected next Friday.

"Mr Hussey spoke a few words, merely to express his consent to the proceedings being brought before the House.

"The question was then put and agreed to.

"The House then resolved itself into a Committee, Sir Archibald Edmonstone in the Chair, on the bounty to be allowed on linen exported from Scotland, when Mr Dempster moved, as an additional clause, That bue smalls, an article used in bleaching, should be exempted from all duty.

all duty.
"Lord Beauchamp faid, as the system upon which the Committee had meant to act, was merely to equalize the linen trade with respect to Scotland and Ireland, he should have no objection to the clause moved for, if the Honourable Gentleman who moved it, would take upon him to say, that blue smalts was already freed from all duty in

Mr Dempster rose again, and affured the noble Lord, that he could his Lordhip, and the Honourable Committee, that blue smalts were exempted from duty in Ireland, as far as it was used in the bleaching linen, and all he meant, was to extend the like privilege to the linen manufacture of Scotland.

"The clause was then moved and agreed to, and the bill proceeded

The Lord Provoft, on Thursday morning, received the following from the Provost of Arbroath, by express: My LORD,

I have this day wrote your Lordship by express, that one of our sloops was taken off this harbour by a privateer belonging to Dunkirk. Since writing your Lordship, I have received the inclosed from the commander of the privateer. The inhabitants are all in confusion. The privateer is firing on the town, and has already done damage to several houses. How this unlucky affair may end I know not, only I thought it prudent to give you this information. In great halte, I am, my

Arbroath, May 23. 1781. DAVID GREIG, Provoft. The following is an exact copy of what came inclosed in the above:

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Addressed on the back thus:

To Monf. May r of the town Call'd or in his absence to The arbrought Chief man after him . in Scotland

The following letter was reflerday received by the Lord Pro-woft, from the Provost of Arbroath.

My Lord,

Referring your Lordship to what I wrote yesterday, I have now to inform you that the privateer continued firing on this rown till half palt ten last night, and did some damage to secret heuses, and alarmed the inhabitants in the town and peighbourhood to a terrible degree. The privateer came to an anchor within a quarter of a mile of the town, where the still lies, and began firing again on the town this morning about four o'clock. I beg leave here to copy the demand made by Fall, as he fent it to me.

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"I received just now your answer, By which you say I ask no terms, I thought it was useless since I asked you to come abourd for agreement; But here are my terms. I will have " thirty thousand pounds sterling at least, and fix of the chief " men of the Town for Hollage; Be Speedy or I Shot your " Town away Directly, and I fet fire to it. I am Gentle-

" Your fervant, " G. FALL." " I fem Some of my Crew to you, But if some harm hap-" pens to them, you'lle be fure we'll hang up the main yard all the Prifoners we have aboard."

" All the foldiers we had quartered here, and 40 men that came from Montrole to our affiltance, with a confiderable number of the inhabitants, have been under arms all night at the shore, and parties patrolling the coast, both to the eastward and weltward, always keeping a strict eye upon the privateer, dreading an attempt to land. Your Lordship sees the great necessity there is of sending relief to this town, as it is at prefent in a very distressing situation. I doubt not your Lordship will do every thing in your power for us, in hopes of which I remain, my Lord,

Arbroath, May 24, }

Your Lordship's most obedient, And most humble servant, DAVID GREIG, Provoft." Extract of a letter from Arbroath, May 25, feven o'clock,

The privateer left us yesterday afternoon, and was seen from this near the Island of May, about eight o'clock at

night."

There is advice received this morning, from St Andrews, that the Dreadnought cutter, commanded by the noted Fall was on the 24th instant, in that bay, and continued there when the post left that place yesterday. The coast are all alarmed, and every proper precaution taken to prevent his landing. We are informed, that several pieces of cannon are mounted in that neighbourhood in the places most liable for an attempt to be

The Lord Provost sent off an express on Thursday after-noon to the Lords of the Admiralty, inclosing copies of the various letters he had received concerning the depredations committed on our coasts by French privateers, and earnestly soliciting some effectual protection in siture. His Lordship dispatched another setter by Friday's post to the same purpose, with what additional information had come to his hand since

writing his former letter. By a letter from a merchant in Berwick, to the Lord Provoft, dated May 23. we learn, that the brig Peggy, commanded by Captain Gills, was captured by a French privateer, which had been only ten days out of Dunkirk, and had two ransomers on board. This privateer is supposed to have taken two brigs in sight of Berwick on Monday morning last, and a sloop loaded with coals, bound to Aberdeen, on Tuesday

morning. Extract of a letter from Greenock, dated the 24th current. "We have just now a report, that one of the Eustatia Beet is put into Lamlash in Arran, which gives us hopes that fome more of that fleet have escaped."

The Hon. Commissioners of the Customs have received the

three following letters: Extract of a letter from Montrofe, May 23. ten at night. "I have just time to tell you, that the Dreadnought priva-teer, Fall commander, this day captured an Arbroath vessel off that place; fince which we learn, by three expresses from Arbroath, that he is lying within half a mile of the harbour, and fent a fummons to the Magistrates. Forty foldiers are marched from this, and they have thirty there.—We are anxiously

waiting for news from thence." Custom-house, Aberdeen, May 22. came to the Custom-house and acquainted us, that yesterday his vessel was captured off Banff by a French privateer belonging to Dunkirk, named Le Boulogne, Furneirs Collin master, and ransomed for 100 guineas. The vessel is cutter-rigged, carrying 16 guns, and one thern-chace gun, as also 17 fwivels. After capturing the above veffel, the privateer steered to the

en in fight. " P. S. Since writing, the inclosed came to hand, to which

I beg leave to refer your Honours."

Peterhead, May 22. 1781. " Yesternight about 6 o'clock, a boat spoke a vessel off here going to the fouthward, the mafter of which related to the pi-lot, that yesterday morning, about 5 o'elock, he was taken, with other two vessels, about the mouth of the Murray Frith, by a French privateer of 16 guns, cutter-rigged, and ranfomed them all. Please inform all the ship-masters of the dan-

Thursday, the Right Hon. George Earl of Dalhousie, his Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, accompanied by a number of noblemen and gentlemen of distinction, walked in procession from his lodgings, opposite the City-guard, to the High Church, where he was received by the Magistrates in their robes; the cityguard, and some companies of the 25th regiment, lining the firets. After hearing an excellent sermon by the Rev. Profeffor Spens of St Andrews, Moderator to the last General Affembly, his Grace repaired to the aile, where, having taken

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his feat, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Modera-tor, when the Rev. Dr Dalrymple, minister at Ayr, was u-nanimously chosen. His Grace having presented his Majesty's commission, appointing him to represent his person in this Affembly, also his Majesty's letter and warrant for the Royal bounty of tood! the same were read, and ordered to be recorded. His Grace then delivered an elegant speech to the Assembly from the throne, to which a suitable return was made by the Moderator, and a Committee appointed to draw up an

Thursday, the General Assembly unanimously a cointed the Rev. Dr Gloag, one of the ministers of Edinary, to be Depute Clerk to the General Assembly, and Clerk to the Roy. al Bounty, in the room of Mr Edmontone deceafed. The Affembly also unminimously appointed Mr George Carracrofa

writer, to be agent for the Church. Previous to the election of the Rev. Dr Gloag and Mr Geo. Cairnerofs, the Lord Prefident of the Court of Seffion, in a most elegant speech, paid many very handsome compliments to the merits and abilities of both the gentlemen, and declared it as his opinion, that the Assembly could not be better served, than by appointing Dr Gloag and Mr Cairneross to the respective offices for which they flood candidates.

The Affembly fpent the most part of yetterday in prayer, and then appointed the Rev. Professor George Hill, at St Andrews, to lecture and preach before his Grace the Commissioner, tomorrow forenoon, and the Rev. Mr George Lawrie, at New-Mills, in the afternoon. The Rev. Mr Robert Walker, at Cramond, Sunday se ennight in the forenoon, and the Rev. Mr William Burnside, at Dumfries, in the afternoon.

This day, the General Affembly agreed to the answer drawn up by the Committee to his Majetty's letter, and allo to a dutiful and loyal address to his Majetty on the birth of another Prince, and on occasion of the continuance of the unnatural and unjust revolt of his Majesty's subjects in North America, and likewife on account of the war in which Great Britain is

engaged with foreign powers.

After the above business was disposed of, the Affembly took under confideration a contested commission from the Presbyrery of Meikle, which, having wanted the attestation, was reected, and the members names expunged. The next commission taken under consideration was that from the burgh of Renfrew, in favour of Mr Robert King eldest Bailie of that The objection to this commission was, that it did not burgh. The objection to this commission was, that it did not mention whether Mr King was a residencer or heritor in the burgh. The Assembly, after a great deal of reasoning on the subject, came to the following state of a vote, Sustain, or refer and the roll being called, and votes marked, the Clerk declared the numbers equal on both sides, when the Moderator gave the matter in savour of Mr King, by voting sustain.—The commission from the University of St Andrews was sustained without a rose.

Mr Lawfon's cause is fixed for Monday. He has been ten years before the Presbytery of Auchterarder, and fix of these before the General Assembly. 10th current, died here, Captain Thomas Nairne, late of the

East India Company's service. It is hoped his friends and re-lations will accept of this notification of his death.

Upon the 24th current, died, at Castlebank, near Lanark, Mrs Bannatyne of Castlebank.

On Thursday 24th instant, died, at Rosehall, near Dum-fries, Mr George Mackenzie of Netherwood, much and justly

Mrs Macleod, Dowager of Geanies, died, at her house in

Cromarty, on the 16th inftant.

Sailed from Leith Roads, this afternoon, under convoy of his Majesty's ship Artois, and Leith armed ship, the sleet for the Baltic, consisting of about 200 fail, English and Scots

At the fame time, failed, under convoy of his Majely's armed thip Alfred, the fleet for London and Newcastle.

This is the fourth time the Baltic fleet have been under

way; but as a brifk breeze of westerly wind has set in, it is hoped they will now be able to make their passage.

This evening they are all returning, and coming again to

anchor in the Roads. On the 16th inft. arrived at the Cove of Cork, the L Jy

Frederick of Campbeltown, Hutchinson master, from L.verpool, with rock-falt and earthen ware.

The Glafgow and Carron armed thips were fafe at London the 21st inft. and the Forth at Bridlington-bay the 22d inft.

We mentioned in our paper of Monday laft, that a new-born infant was found in the water of Laverin. A woman who lived at Neilston, has voluntarily confessed to some of her neighbours, that she is the mother of that child, and told the following cfrcumstances, that immediately after she bore it, which was about Martinmas last, she buried it in her garden; but being apprehensive the body might be discovered there, the took it up, and threw it into the water. She is a married woman, but her husband has been absent for some years. She has escaped, and it is not known which way she went.

They write from Maybole, that a woman was taken into custody there, on Sunday the 13th current, for the following inhuman crime:—She had been in a folitary place, in the time of fermon, and a man passing that way, his dog scratched up a male child, in puris naturalibus, from the sand. The poor helpless infant was alive, and, we hear, is so still, and likely to do well. Sufpicion lying against the above woman, she was examined by the Magistrates, to whom she made a full confes-

fion of her guilt.

Wednefday fe'ennight, a fire happened at Paifley, above the Crofs. A man who flept in a ftable, but was intoxicated when going to bed, having a lighted candle, which he had not taken care to extinguish, it got hold of the hay, and set it in a blaze. Before any affiltance could come, the poor man was burnt to death; his brother (a young boy) who slept with him, most providentially escaped out of a window, greatly scorehed.

Saturday evening, a fire broke out in a thatched house in Stockwell-street, Glasgow, which was soon extinguished by the water engines, before doing any material hurt.

A letter from London, to a gentlemau in Manchester, afferts, that there are no more than 10 ships of the Eustatia fleet taken by the French-Manchester Mercury.

A letter from Whitehaven dated May 22, fays, " Yesterday feveral loaden Colliers returned to port, having been spoken by a veffell which informed them of two enemy's privateers being crufing of the Isle of Mann, and that they had challed two ships on shore near Peeletown on Friday night. This is also courmed by the arrival of a Manks boat, which adds, that the

Manks Fencibles had been under arms two days and nights; to prevent a landing in case it should be attempted. Immediately on the above intelligence reaching this place, an express was forewarded to Workington, Maryport; &c. and an express boat was also sent out to some ships which had failed this morn-

ing from these ports.

A correspondent observer, that the account of the compromise between Michael Heugh and his advisors, and Mess. pherson and Burthwick, as given in our paper of the 21st eurwhich affects the fubntifion was fuggested by a matual friend. The those history of the matter is, That Mr Duncan Graci writer in Invernels, who was prime mover in this business, had taken so extraordinary a part in it, that the Court of Session ordered him, with the other parties concerned, to attend perfonally at the bar upon the 12th of June next. It would appear, Mr Grant was not fond of undergoing this ceremony, and Major Fraser of Belladrum, his own brother-in-law, offered a submission of the whole affair, through the medium of a and Major Fraier of Belladrum, his own brother-in-law, offsed a fubmiflion of the whole affair, through the medium of a gentleman whom they juttly confidered had great influence with Mr Macpherson, to make him comply with that proposal. The offer of a submission was accordingly communicated to Mr Macpherson, who agreed to it conditionally. This happened some weeks previous to the last Circuit at Inverness. And, although. Mr. Grant might have brought the affair to a conclusion at that time, he last by and no done with a single party. fion at that time, he lay by, and, no doubt, with a view of put-ting Mr Borthwick to the expense of carrying north a lawyer and agent from Edinburgh, to conduct his defence in the cri-minal trial brought against him at the instance of Michael Heugh. There was not a word of the submission till these gentlemen arrived at Invernels. Then, a second time, Major Fraser applied to Mr Borthwick's counsel, to have the wholeaffair ended by submission, and one or two arbiters were suggested by Mr Grant and his friends. This proposal was communicated to Mess. Macpherson and Borthwick, who agreed to municated to Mest. Macpherion and Borthwick, who agreed to it upon two conditions: 1st, That one of their own counsel should be fole arbiter; and, 2dly, That Mr Duncan Grant should take burden on him for Michael Heugh, for all claims competent to Mr Macpherson against either of them. Mr Grant at first objected to this; but, being told in direct terms, there would be no submission without that condition, he thought proper rather than allow the matter to go farther, to comply, and figured the fubmission, binding himself conjunctly and feverally with and for his friend Mr Michael Heugh. This is a trub

rally with and for his friend Mr Michael Heugh. This is a trueflate of the case, and we are ordered to insert it as such.

We hear from Orkney, that the Fishery in Brassa Sound is
commenced, and that there are several foreign Schuites, as usual; only that they wear Imperial and Prussas colours, instead
of Dutch, by which they are protected.

Extract of a letter from Water ford, May 15.

Saturday, arrived from a cruize, his Majesty's frights
Nemesis, Capt. Bligh.

" Sunday, his Majesty's frigate Æolus, Captain Keppel, failed from Passage, with the ships for Newfoundland under the convoy.'

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May 23. Annies, Morris, from Hamburgh, with goods.

Itobel, Martin, from Queensferry, with afted.

25. Success, Febrier, from Glafgow, with goods.

Jean, Brown,

26. Two Sifters, Pederson, from Easterezer, with wood.

Betfey, Murray, from Longanat, with flows.

Adamson, Lvell, for Perth.

Adamson, Lyell, for Perth.

Betty, Lyel, for Dundes.

James's, Somersille, for Newcastle,
Mally, Brown, for Montrose,
Jean, Barr, for Alemonth,
Elifabeth, Turcan, for Kennet, with meal.

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have just now received, per the Fly, an Elegant Assortment of the following Articles:

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Siver Shoe Buckles, with Gold Nobs and Edgings, being the very
neweft London patterns.

Plated and Gilt ditto.

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Fine Set Stock and Knee Buckles, with Gold Edgings.

Fine Set Shoe ditto, with ditto.

Sets of Silver and Plated Cafters, with five and eight glares cach.

Plain Set Gold Cravate and Hair Slides.

Ditto, with Enamelled Figures, Hair Pieces, &c.

Gold Breaft Piss, Plain, Enamelled, and Set.

Ditto with Hair Pieces, Paintings, &c.

Pearl and Gilt-mettal Breaft Pins, a great variety.

Gold Rings, of all the different patterns now in fathion;—and new patterns of Hair-work for Rings, Lockets, Bracelets, &c.

Neat Silk and Hair Watch and Cane Strings.

A great variety of Small Mirrors, and Paintings on Glafs, with elegant Gilt Frames that come remarkably cheap.

They continue to give the higheft prices for Light Gold, Ohl Silver, and Lace: And excharge Silver Plate of all kinds on the most reasonable terms.

The firstest attention to Commissions from the Country.

N. B. At their Ruffia Warehoufe, within the Royal Exchange, are to be had, a great variety of Ruffian Sheetings, Tweels, Towellings, Printed Linens, Rubbers, Dreffing Gowns, &c. &c.

## ALEX. LIVINGSTON, Tea and Spirit Dealer, Oppolite Chapel of Base, Crosscausey,

RETURNS his best thanks to the public in general, and his friends ETURNS his best thanks to the public in general, and his friends in particular, for the many favours conferred upon him, and staters himself, that he has it in his power to merit the continuance of their approbation, &c.—Begs leave to inform them, that he has got to hand a very sine assortment of TEAS and SPIRITS, superior to any yet offered the Public, which he is selling off, upon very moderate terms. Teas from Two Shillings and Ten Pence to Twenty Shillings per lib. all ENGLISH WEIGHT, as he has neven practifed that method of mixing with Sloe or Bountree leaves, to enable him to sell Dutch weight. The Public may depend upon his Tens being genuine.

Sugars to Tea Costomers at prime cost, were means MONEY ONLY.

Sugars to Tea Customers at prime cost, for READY MONEY ONLY. N. B. He, in particular, recommends his Teas at 5 s. 6 d. and 6 s.

To be SCLD to the highest bidder, at the home of William Win-law in Parwick upon Tweed, on Wednesday the 6th day of June next, bety the hours of three and five in the afternoon, The remarkable fast failing PRIVATEER



THE ELISABETH of Berwick, of the burden of 40 tons, on thereabouts, mounting feur guns, two coherns, and ten switcles; together with all the Stores, Ammunition, Tackle, Apparel, and other Materials on board the said privateer.

The said privateer is now lying in the port of Berwick along said, and may in a few days.

has lately been expended in fitting her out as a privateer.

Also to be fold at the same time, a considerable quantity of SHIP Alfo to be fold at the fame STORES and MATERIALS.

An Inventary to be feen, and other information obtained, at Mr Lambert's office in Berwick aforefaid.

SALE OF A SHIP.



To be SOLD by public roup, on Tuesday the 5th June 1781, betwixt the hours of two and three afternoon, at the house of John Burt

and three afternoon, at the nouse of John Burt wintner in Perth,
The good Ship the PERTH, with her furniture, as the lies at the harbour of Perth.
This flip has been hitherto employed in the Newcassle trade; and being a sloop between 30 and 60 tons burden, is very proper for that business.

The articles of roup and inventary to be seen in the hands of An-FOR SALE by the Candle, at Lawion's Coffeenovie, on Monday

The French FRIGATE OF WAR ROHAN SOUBIZE, now in Leith Road, built in 1780, mounting 22 nine pounder guns, burden 400 tons more or lefs, upon an eafy drught of water, extremely well found in all necessary stores, and may be fent to fea at a very finall expence; a most remarkable fast failer, taken by bis Majesty's ship Profelyte and Re-pulse cutter, after a chace of thirteen kours. Inventaries to be had on board, and of Mess.

Bell and Rannie merchants, and James Hamilton broker, Leith. FOR SALE by the Candle, at Lawfon's Coffeehouse in Leith, on Monday the 11th day of Lawfon's Coffeehouse in Leith, on

Monday the 11th day of June, betwint the hours of twelve and



The Frigate LE CALONNE, about 400 tons, upon an eafy draught of water, built in France for a privateer, only two years old; and lately commanded by Luke Ryan; is an exceeding falf failer, mounting 22 time and 6 four pounder guns, and 6 twelve pseunder Carronades; taken by his Majefly's ships Berwick and Belle Poule. Is extremely yell found in availand ordinance flores; with pro-

Berwick and Belle Poule. Is extremely well found in naval and ordnance stores; with provisions on board for 200 men for three months, and may be sent to sea in a sew hours, without almost any expense.

There is no doubt of her being in all respects one of the most complete privateers which has been sitted out during this war.

She now lies at anchor in Leith Road, where the is to be delivered.

Inventories to be had on board, of Metles Bell and Ranaie merchants, and James Hamilton broker at Leith.

#### A ROBBERY.

MR JAMES HUTCHIESON, merchant at Ayr, was robbed in the neighbourhood of Girvan; and, among other articles, of the following Bank Notes:

MERCHANT BANK, GLASGOW.

No. 101, 102, 127, 100, Twenty Pounds each, L. 80 0 HUNTERS AND CO. AYR,

No. 270, 343, 123, 36, Five Pounds each, Gov. and Co. BANK OF SCOTLAND.

No. 111, 14, 2011, 178, 571, 144, 200, 117, 101, 11, 130, 128, 201, 387, 280, 13,

T45, 170, THE.

Any person to whom the above Notes may be offered will please give notice to the Publisher of this paper; Messrs Hunter and Company at Ayr; Merchant Bank, Glasgow; or the Post-master at Stranfaer.

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SHERRY WINE.

JUST arrived, a Parcel of OLD SHERRY WINE, in butts and half butts.—Merchants, on applying to JOHN WALKER and Company, Edinburgh, will be supplied on reasonable terms.—The wine will be shown at their cellars, near the church in Leith.

## SALE OF LANDS IN BERWICKSHIRE.

To be SOLD by private hargain, in whole or in parcels, The Lands and Barony of THORNYDYKES, in the parishes of Westruther and Ledgirtwood, and county of Berwick.—These lands are computed above, 1000 acres, all lying contiguous and compact mostly arable, and all well tenanted, holding blench of the Crown. The free rent 701 l. 5 s. 6 d. sterling.

For further particulars, apply to Thomas Tod writer to the signet, Edinburgh, who will show the rental and title-deeds.

SHEEP GRAZINGS TO LET,

THE EXTENSIVE GRAZINGS and FOREST on the effate of THE EXTENSIVE GRAZINGS and FOREST on the eftate of GLENGARY, lying in the county of Invernefs, extremely well a dapted for fheep-wall's, and fufficient to passure annually at least Twelve Thousand Sheep. No fall of snow remains for any time on the ground, being near the sca-coast; and, by the particular situation of these Grazings, and the natural wood growing in many places, there is sine shelter for the sheep in the different glens or corries, whatever way the wind blows. The Grazings are at present in the hands of the proprietor, and may be entered to at any time agreed upon. Houses and other conveniencies will be built for accommodating tenants.

For further particulars, application may be made to the proprietor at

ineicies will be built for accommodating tenants.

For further particulars, application may be made to the proprietor at Invergary Honfe, near Fort Augustus, to William Macdonald writer to the figures. Edinburgh, or to George Bean writer, Inverness.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

To be SOLD by Judicial roup, within the Seffon-house, E-dinburgh, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills for the time, upon Wednessiay the 20th day of June next, betwirt the hours of two

and fix atternoon;
The REMAINING LOTS of the LANDS and ESTATE of DALDERSE, with the Fiftings and Pertinents, in the parish of Falkirk
and skire of stiding, viz.

LOT II. The LANDS possesses by James Thomson (now Andrew
Hart), John Baad, William Watson, and the MILL possesses by Geo.
Potter. The gross rent is 2581. 18 s. 1 d. and the upset price will be
44371. 13 s. 9 d. 8-12ths.

LOT IV. The FARMS possesses by John Finlayson (formerly Mr
Gascoigne's), John Ranken, and John Sand. The gross rent is 1761.
11 s. 11 d. 7-12ths; and the upset price will be 29951. 16 s. 5 d.
2-12ths.

LOT V. The LANDS possessed by James Smith (formerly John and James Scrymgeours), and Robert Walker. The gross rent is 146 l. 10s. 3d. 10-12ths; and the upset price will be 2486 l. 19 s. 6d. t-13th.

The whole of these lands hold of the Crown. They are of a rich

fail, are pleasantly fituated between the crown of Falkink and the river Carron, the great canal running through the middle of them.

The articles and conditions of roup, with the title-deeds, are to be feen in the hands of James Ferrier writer to the fignet, or Alex. Rofs depute clerk of fession; and the said James Ferrier will inform as to o-

JUDICIAL SALE.

To be SOLD, by public roup, under authority of the Lords of Council and Seffion, within the Parliament or New Seffion House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 27th of June next, betwirt the hours of four and fix afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills, the Twenty-Shilling Land of OVER CRAIGENDBAY, the Twenty-Shilling Land of NETHER CRAIGENDBAY of old extent, and that fact of the two and a balf merk land of Nether Crainenthay. and that part of the two and a half merk land of Nether Craigendbay, commonly called the ONE MERK LAND of CRAIGEND, lying in

commonly called the ONE MERK LAND of CRAIGEND, lying in the parish of Kells, and stewarty of Kirkcudbright.

The proven free rental, after deducting one fifth part for beinds, is,
And the schoe at twenty years purchase, with the addition of five years purchase of the free teind is,

I. 1001 13 3 11-12ths.

The lands hold blench of the Crown. They are of very considerable exteut, and are situated upon the water of Dee, about sive miles from the town of New Galloway, and upon the great road to Newton-Stewart.

Stewart.

The articles of fale and progrefs may be feen at the office of Mr Stevenson, depute clerk of Session. And further information will be got by applying to William Dick writer to the fignet, or John Thomson writer in Kirkeudbright.

JUDICTAL SALE.

To be SOLD by public roup, under authority of the Lords of Council and Seffion, within the Parliament or New Seffion-house of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 20th of June next, between the hours of four and fix afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

rnoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills, LANDS, which belonged to the deceased Hugh Mit-

The following LANDS, which belonged to the deceased Hugh Mitchell of Dornell, in two lots.

Lot I. The Sixteen Shilling and Eight Penny Land of the Forty Shilling Land of Dornell; and the Two Merk Land of Whiteholme, with the tiends thereof, lying in the parts of Auchineck and thire of Ayr, with a tack of the remaining Twenty-three Shilling Four Penny Lands of Dornell, for 39, years from Whitfunday 1765.

The proven rent of the lands is

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And the proven value, at 20 years purchase, is The proven value of the Tack of the Twenty-three Shilling and Four Penny Lands of Dop-885 TO 0

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Upfet price of the first lot I. 973 0 0 Lot II. The Superiority of the Four Merk Land of Whatshinburn, otherwise called Halghenmuir, lying in the parish of Auchinleck and

thire of Avr. proven value whereor is whole lands hold blench of the Crown, and the old extents are

The whole lands not beened of the Crown, and the old extents are aftertained by retours prior to 168z.

The articles of fale, and progrefs may be feen at the office of Mr Stevenson, depute clerk of Session; and further information will be got by applying to William Dick, writer to the figure; or Robert Aiken writer in Art.

## SALE OF HOUSE, GARDEN, &c.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, afternoon precisely,

The HOUSE formula of South May current, at one o'clock

afternoon precifely,

The HOUSE fometime possesses by Mr John Hope, and at present
by Mrs Hay of Montblairie, and fronting the great Avenue leading
from the City of Edinburgh through Hope Park; with the Offices,
Garden, and little Park belonging thereto, and Strip of Ground near

The house is well supplied with water by a pipe in the kitchen; and the offices contain coach-house, stables, and other conveniencies. There is good access for carriages by the road at the back of the house. The avenue to the house, with kitchen and flower garden, and small park, contain about two Scots acres.

The articles of roup and writings will be feen in the hands of James' Walker writer to the fignet.

JUDICIAL SALE.

To be SOLD, by public roup, within the Parliament House, Edinburgh, before the Lord Ordinary officiating on the bills, upon Wednesday the 20th day of June next, between the hours of four and five clock afternoon. The Lands and Estate of LADIFFRON or LENDIFFRON, lying in

The Lands and Estate of LADIFFRON or LENDIFFRON, lying in the parish of Monymeal, and shire of Fife, the free rent whereof is 178 1.18 5.2 d. 8-12th Sterling, and the price put thereon by the Lords, at which they are to be exposed, is 2665 1.18 5.9 d. 1-halfpenny Sterling, being twenty-three years purchase of said rent.

The lands are holden blench of the Crown, are under leafe, which expires in fix years hence, when a considerable sife of rent may be got. Their situation is commodious, being within three miles of Cupar, where there is a good constant market, and within three miles of the port of

The conditions of roup, and progress of writs, are in the hands of George Kirkpatrick depute clerk of Session. And William Chalmers writer in Edinburgh can give more particular information about the premisses.

JUDICIAL SALE.

THERE is to be SOLD by authority of the Court of Seffion, upon fix afternoon, in the Parliament or New Seffion-house of Edinburgh, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

ore the Lord Ordinary on the bills,
The HERITABLE SUBJECTS following,

Which belonged to the deceased WILLIAM WILSON of Soonhope, writer in Edinburgh.

LOT I. The West Half of the Lands of Meddersmains, and half are acre of Land adjacent thereto, inclosed with a stone dike, and consisting of about five acres, lying within the territory of the borough of Lanark. The proven rent, after paying all deductions, is 71. sterling; and the upset price, at 25 years purphase, is 175 l.

LOT II. The High Shop and pertinents, opposite to the Cross of Edinburgh, on the south side of the street, possessed by Thomas Tibbets hatter, at the yearly rent of 131. sterling. The proven value and upset price is 161. sterling.

natter, at the yearly rent of 131. Herling. The proven value and upper price is 1561. Sterling.

LOT III. The Third Storey above the shops of that Stone Tenement of Land, and Gorrest, at the foot of Forrester's Wynd, Ediaburgh, entering from Forrester's Wynd, by the scale stairs called Henderson's stairs, and the Cellar thereto belonging, consisting of two Dwelling-houses and garret, as possessing the work of L. 7 0 0 William Bain, at the yearly rent of L. 7 0 0 Edward Watson, for garrat, at I 10 0

The proven value and upfet price is 88 l.

LOT IV. The two laigh Fore-cellers and Vaults lying betwist the head of Borthwick's Close and Old Assembly Close, on the fouth side of the High Street of Edinburgh; the one possessed by John Wilson, at the L. II o o

And the other by John Campbell, at

The proven value and upfit price whereof is 230 I. fterling.

LOT V. The just and equal Half of the Subjects lying in Hammermen's Close, Canongate, confisting of a large fore Tenement, two back Tenements, with two small and one large Garden, Gardener's House, and Hammermen's Convening-house. The free proven rent of the just and equal half of faid subjects is 41 I. 12 s. 10 d. and the upset price there-

of is 435 l. sterling.
N. B. The proprietor of the other half wishes to fell his share of this

fubject.

LOT VI. That New Stone Tenement, with kitchen, stable, hay-left, and court, lying in Wilion's Court, opposite to the Canongate Church, possessed by Mrs Massfield at the yearly rent of 301. The proven value and upset price is 4201. Sterling.

LOT VII. A Subtack of a Piece of Land lying at Crosscauseway, near

Edinburgh, for 990 years after Martinmas 1767, upon which a tenement of land was built by Alexander Melvil, and policifed by him and others; the proven rental whereof is 10 l. and the upfet price is 70 l.

others; the proven reach and effecting the Lands and Estate of Carfaig, in the Lordship of Knapdale and shire of Argyle, helonging to James Campbell of Carsaig; the proven value whereof, at Whitsianday 1781, is 658 l. 13 s. 11 d. and is to be set up at that sum.

The title deeds of the particular subjects, with the articles and conditions of sale, will be seen in the hands of Alexander Stevenson deputederk of Session, or Andrew Carmichael writer in Edinburgh

### ESTATE OF DRUMPELLIER.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

O be SOLD by public roup or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 4th of July next, betwixe
hours of five and fix afternoon,

The Lands and Estate of DRUMPELLIER, LANGLOAN,

I. The Lands and Eflate of DRUMPELLIER, LANGLOAN, COATS, BLAIRS, and COALDYKE, confifting of 600 English acres or thereby, lying in the parish of Old Monkland, and county of Lanark, seven miles eastward of Glasgow, on a turnpike road always kept in good repair; to be exposed at 10,000 l. Sterling.

This effate holds of the Crown, and entitles the proprietor to a free-hold qualification in the county. It is all inclosed and subdivided, and above 100 acres is planted with thriving trees of different kinds, prettily divided with serpentine walks and beech hedges.

There is an excellent modern mansion-house, on this effate, of 12

There is an execulent modern manfion-house on this estate, of 13 rooms, a good kitchen, large stables and offices almost new, and every other accommodation for a gentleman's family. The house is pleasantly situated, commanding an extensive prospect; and the policies and

gardens around it are elegantly laid out, and well kept.

The whole grounds abound with thick feams of coal lying near the furface, eafily wrought, and cheaply conveyed towards Glafgow by the Monkland Canal, which traverfes the effate. Two coal-works are opened, and now carrying on with great fuccess, and two more are ready for workings fo the coal must foon yield a great annual profit to the proprietor. There is also a fine free-stone quarry in the citate.

III. The Lands of HOLE, consisting of about 44 English acres,

thereby, with a Superiority over lands yielding 41. Sterling of yearly feu-duty, lying also in the faid parish of Old Monkland, four miles castward from Glasgow on the faid turnpike road; to be exposed at 750 l.

Sterling.

The Monkland Canal elfo traverfes thefe lands, and they likewife a-

bound with feams of coel. For further particulars apply to Robert Trotter writer to the et, Edinburgh, who will show the title-deeds, the conditions of For further particulars apply to Robert Protter writer to the lig-net, Edinburgh, who will show the title-deeds, the conditions of fale, and a plan or survey of the citate; or to Thomas Buchanan writer in Glasgow, who will show copies of the inventory of the progress, and of the conditions of fale, and also the lands themselves, to those intending to purchase.

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